

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 remain in the application. Claims 1 and 17 have been amended.

Objections to the Specification

As requested by the Examiner, the specification has been amended to refer to the issued patent of the parent application.

Objections to the Claims

As requested by the Examiner, the claims have been amended to correct some minor deficiencies and to put them into better form.

Nonstatutory Double Patenting Rejection

Claim 17 was rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claim 13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,643,743. In response, a proposed Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed. In view of the Terminal Disclaimer, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 13 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4255 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,
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